

# Skills Tasmania Facts

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## Professional Development Workshops in June 2009:

### Validation, Moderation and Consultation with Industry

Presenter: Chris Todd

#### Part One:

- look at the differences between validation, moderation and consultation with industry stakeholders to develop a training and assessment strategy;
- look at ways of conducting validation, moderation and consultation activities;
- consider the potential value to the RTO of these activities; and
- demonstrate how records of these activities can be retained for audit purposes

#### Part Two:

This workshop will include practical exercises in validation and moderation for registered training organisations (RTO's) offering training and assessment from the **hospitality, children's services, retail and business services training packages**. Please note that part two will also be valuable for those working with other training packages.

All participants will be asked to bring examples of training and assessment tools for consideration during the practical exercises in Part Two.

### Continuous Improvement

Presenter: Reg Allen

- take your organisation where you want it to be
- be ahead of the competition
- get your people to believe in the culture of improvement
- always look for opportunities to do things that little bit better
- make continuous improvement the way you do every aspect of your business

### Dates for your Diary

9 Jun	Trade Training Centres in Schools Program – applications for Round Two close
12 Jun	Validation, Moderation and Consultation with Industry (Hobart)
12 Jun	<i>Strengthening the AQF: a proposal</i> (provide feedback)
24 Jun	Tasmanian Flexible Learning Network (Hobart) (RSVP by 19 June)
25 Jun	Continuous Improvement (Hobart)
28 Aug	2009 Tasmanian Training Awards presented (Hobart)

Date	Time	Location	Cost	Code
<b>Validation, Moderation and Consultation with Industry</b>				
<b>12 June</b>	9.30–12.30	<b>Hobart</b>	\$80	PD0907
	(Part 1)			
	1.00–3.30		\$130 (Part 1 & 2)	PD0908
	(Part 2)			
<b>Continuous Improvement</b>				
<b>25 June</b>	9.30–1.30	<b>Hobart</b>	FREE	PD0909

Enrol now by emailing [pennyd@bigpond.net.au](mailto:pennyd@bigpond.net.au) or phoning (03) 6229 6382.

## New program to help Dorset jobseekers

A new \$100,000 program, managed by Skills Tasmania, will help job seekers, retrenched workers and their partners in the Dorset Municipality to gain employment.

Premier and Minister for Education and Skills, David Bartlett, said the Dorset Skills Initiative aimed to help people in the region to up-skill, re-skill and gain employment.

"We recognise that workers in the Dorset region have been hard-hit in the past few years and this program is a way of providing some assistance," Mr Bartlett said.

“Eligible participants will be entitled to part or fully subsidised training that improves their potential for employment.

“Other costs such as travel, equipment, licence fees and incidentals will also be met.

“The funding is open to residents of the Dorset municipality and surrounding areas including retrenched workers and their partners, job seekers and their partners and workers looking for career change opportunities.

“It is also available to contractors who are no longer working because of business closure or downsizing and casual, seasonal and contract workers.

“The assistance is available regardless of the location of future employment.

“Training needs and the preferred provider of the training will be determined by potential employers and the applicant with support from Skills Tasmania where required.

“All training must begin before December 31 and will run until June 2010.

“Retrenched workers and job seekers can already access support through the Australia Government’s targeted initiatives and new employment services – Job Services Australia.

“The Dorset Skills Initiative will complement these programs to gain the best possible employment outcomes for the people of the region,” Mr Bartlett said.

For further details individuals should contact:  
David Olden (phone: (03) 6336 2372); or  
Steve Cosgrove (phone: (03) 6336 2864

Employers with vacancies for potential retrenched workers can contact Tom Black on (03) 6336 2891

## Strengthening the Australian Qualifications Framework Consultation

The Australian Qualifications Framework Council has released for consultation a proposal for strengthening the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF).

As well as maintaining the AQF, supporting its users and promoting the AQF to stakeholders, the AQF Council's remit is to consider how the AQF can be strengthened to ensure it is nationally and internationally robust and supports flexible cross-sectoral linkages and pathways.

*Strengthening the AQF: a proposal* outlines measures to further improve the objectives of the AQF and create a more contemporary AQF architecture including:

- A common taxonomy of learning outcomes to describe the breadth and depth of each qualification;
- A hierarchy of qualifications based on explicit reference levels;
- A measurement of the volume of learning for each qualification type at each level.

Based on the feedback received, the proposals will be refined and the components of the AQF will be re-designed and developed. A further round of consultations will occur then.

Written responses to this proposal are invited from stakeholders.

The consultation period will conclude on **Friday 12 June 2009**.

To download the consultation paper visit:  
<http://www.aqf.edu.au/aboutaqf.htm>

Responses can be sent by:

- email to [aqfc@saugov.sa.gov.au](mailto:aqfc@saugov.sa.gov.au), or
- post to AQF Council Secretariat  
GPO Box 320, Adelaide, South Australia, 5001.

For further information phone (08) 8226 2775.

## Tasmanian Flexible Learning Network (TFLN) – 24 June 2009

At this month’s TFLN meeting we’ll meet the developers of the **QTImPlayer** mobile device Peter Higgs, Julien Ebeli and Stephen Brain, who won international acclaim for creating an innovative tool that enables teachers and trainers to remotely assess learners on-the-job. Using evidence gathered electronically, this education and training tool makes on-the-job training and assessment simple, quick and cost effective.

The meeting will run for one hour in the Skills Tasmania boardroom at 1/99 Bathurst Street, Hobart.

Come and enjoy good company and conversation at this month’s get together. Tea and coffee will be provided.

There are limited spots available so please register by e-mailing [gail.wilson@skills.tas.gov.au](mailto:gail.wilson@skills.tas.gov.au) by 19 June. For people intending to join this meeting via ‘uStream TV’ there are known problems for some due to firewall restrictions, however all sessions will be recorded and available via a link on <http://emania.org/>.

For further information about the the ‘QTImPlayer’ mobile device visit <http://qti2007.flexiblelearning.net.au/qtimplayer/index.html>.

